



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF WATER

The Honorable Patrick Leahy  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

Thank you for your May 26, 2017, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding a request submitted by the Town of Derby Line, Vermont, to waive American Iron and Steel requirements of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 amended the Clean Water Act to include permanent requirements for the use of American iron and steel in CWSRF projects. The language also sets forth certain circumstances under which the EPA may waive the AIS requirement. As you are aware, the EPA has received a waiver request from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation for the Derby Line project. On June 26, as part of the AIS implementation process, the EPA posted the state's waiver request on our dedicated AIS website at <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-revolving-fund-american-iron-and-steel-ais-requirement> for the required 15-day public comment period. We will consider all comments received prior to approval or denial of the waiver request.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Matt Klasen in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov) or (202) 566-0780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Michael H. Shapiro".

Michael H. Shapiro  
Acting Assistant Administrator